

To collect the eggs, the Indians prepare bundles of rushes, which they place vertically in the lake, at some distance from the shore. In about a fortnight, every rush in these bundles is completely covered with eggs; the bundles are then drawn out and dried in the sun, upon a cloth, for not more than an hour, when the eggs are easily detached. The bundles of rushes are then placed in the water again for another crop.—*Comptes Rendus*, Nov. 23, 1857, p. 865.

*On a new Lagomys and a new Mustela inhabiting the North Region of Sikhim and the proximate parts of Tibet.* By B. H. HODGSON, Esq., B.C.S.

MUSTELA TÉMON, nob. *Témon of the Tibetans.*

This species is  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches long from snout to vent, and the tail is  $6\frac{1}{2}$  more. Its fur is short, soft and straight, being scarcely longer on the tail than on the body. The colour is, above and laterally, with the entire tail, brunnescent fawn; below, entirely pale pure yellow, save the head and margin of the upper lip, which, as well as the limbs, are canescent; the last, however, with more or less of a brownish tint to the front or externally. The tail is  $\frac{2}{3}$  rds the length of the animal. The fur is  $\frac{3}{8}$  ths of an inch long and very fine. The dimensions are as follows:—

	inches.
Snout to vent .....	$9\frac{1}{2}$
Head .....	2
Tail and hair .....	$6\frac{1}{2}$
Tail, less hair .....	$5\frac{1}{4}$
Ears .....	$0\frac{3}{4}$
Palma and nails .....	$1\frac{1}{8}$
Planta and nails .....	$1\frac{1}{2}$

LAGOMYS CURZONIÆ, nob. *Abra of the Tibetans.*

My specimens were procured in the district of Chumbi. They are three in number, and in fine preservation and high state of fur. They are quite alike in size and colour, and demonstrably mature from the state of the teeth. They measure  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches from snout to vent, and are of a murine fulvous colour, palling and canescent below and on the extremities. The fur is exceedingly soft, full, and smooth, of two sorts, or woolly and hairy, but both of silken delicacy; internally dark slaty blue, externally fawn colour, more or less obscured and darkened by the internal colour. The dimensions are as follows:—

	inches.
Snout to vent .....	$7\frac{1}{2}$
Head .....	$1\frac{3}{4}$
Ears .....	$0\frac{3}{4}$
Snout to eye .....	$0\frac{1}{5}$
Eye to ear .....	1
Palma and nails .....	$1\frac{1}{8}$
Planta and nails .....	$1\frac{1}{4}$

This beautiful little animal is appropriately dedicated to the Hon. Mrs. Curzon.—*Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal*, No. 3, 1857. Darjiling, April, 1857.